

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to a preferred embodiment, the macrocyclic ligand corresponds to general formula (Ia) in which $n = 6$, ~~X = Y~~ each R_2 = sulfate and R_7 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$.